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1. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers!

2. MUSIC: THEME

3. ANNOUNCER: I think there are few days in our history that can hold so

4. much meaning for a united people as this July Fourth in the

5. year 1942. It's a splendid time to take stock, it seems to

6. me; to express our appreciation for many things - for this

7. great, free Nation in which we live; for our brave American

8. boys scattered across all the seas who today fight gallantly,

9. not only to keep our own freedom intact but indeed to bring

10. a like freedom to all the world; for our God-given resources

11. that have helped to build and maintain this glorious American

12. homeland of ours. It's been said that a Nation's strength

13. lies in the natural resources at its disposal. And so, as

14. we take stock and find hope and faith in our Independence Day

15. of 1942, I'm going to voice a little prayer for one of the

16. most important and valuable of our Nation's resources - for

17. our forests. May America's forests be kept forever free -

18. free from the waste and carelessness that can lay waste a

19. country's treasured landscape. For only through care and

20. sensible use and with a people's continual protection, can

21. America's forests go on helping to maintain our Free Nation

22. through all the years to come.

(MORE)

...a splendid time to take back...
...to express our appreciation for many things...
...in which we live; for our brave American...
...for only through care and...
...all the people who today fight gallantly...
...with a people's continual protection, can...
...not only to keep our own freedom intact but indeed to bring...
...to help to maintain our free nation...
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...to express our appreciation for many things - for this...
...in the national freedom of the world. And so, as...
...free nation in which we live; for our brave American...
...we take back and the hope and faith in our independence...
...have restored across all the seas who today fight gallantly...
...our own freedom and values in our nation's freedom...
...like freedom for all the world; for our God-given resources...
...that have helped to build and maintain this glorious American...
...through all the years to come.

ANNOUNCER:

MUSIC:

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1. (ANNCR CONT) Now to the Pine Cone National Forest where the Fourth of
2. July has dawned bright and warm after a night of dry
3. lightning storms. We join our friends standing at respectful
4. attention before the pine flagpole in front of the Ranger
5. Station. Ranger Jim Robbins has just raised Old Glory to
6. the top of the pole and with his wife Bess, and his
7. assistant, Jerry Quick, and Jerry's sweetheart, Mary Halloway,
8. is about to give the pledge of allegiance to the Flag.
9. ALL: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of
10. America and to the Republic for which it stands; one Nation,
11. indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.....
12. SLIGHT PAUSE
13. JERRY: "The stars upon it were like the bright morning stars of God,
14. and the stripes upon it were beams of morning light".....
15. Henry Ward Beecher wrote that.
16. MARY: Yes, and I know something else he said: "A thoughtful mind
17. when it sees a nation's flag sees not the flag but the
18. nation itself".....Mr. Robbins?
19. JIM: Yes, Mary?
20. MARY: I wouldn't have missed this little flag ceremony for anything...
21. It was...well...it was wonderful.
22. JIM: Well, now you know pretty much how I feel every morning when
23. I lift the old Flag to the top of this pole. I reckon it's
24. one of my proudest daily chores, Mary.
25.

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 lightning storms. We join our friends standing at respectful
 attention before the pine flagpole in front of the Ranger
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 assistant, Jerry Quirk, and Jerry's sweetheart, Mary Holloway,
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 and the stripes upon it were beams of morning light.
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 lies in its heart and I know something else he said: "A thoughtful mind
 which sees a nation's flag sees not the flag but the
 nation itself." Mr. Robbins' little prayer for one of the
 many seasons for a united people as this July fourth is
 very long. It is a splendid time to take stock in our
 country. I wouldn't have missed this little flag ceremony for anything.
 It was well... it was wonderful.
 Well, now you know pretty much how I feel every morning when
 I lift the old flag to the top of this pole. I reckon it's
 one of my proudest daily chores, Mary.
 That have helped to build and maintain this glorious American
 homeland of ours. It's been said that a Nation's strength

(ANNOUNCER CONT)

ANNOUNCER

MUSIC

ANNOUNCER

ALL:

SLIGHT PAUSE

JERRY:

ANNOUNCER

MARY:

MUSIC

ANNOUNCER

JIM:

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JIM:

ANNOUNCER

MUSIC

1. BESS: Yes, I've watched him through the window, Mary, morning after
2. morning, raising the Flag.
3. JIM: We've had more ceremony than usual today. Now, you take most
4. mornings.....
5. JERRY: I get it... Me, I'm usually getting in those last six winks
6. of sleep. Well, no more, Jim. From now on, I'll be out here
7. with you every morning.
8. MARY: Hush, Jerry.
9. JIM: Most mornings after I've tied the flag rope down, I feel all
10. tight inside, and...well, at night, when we bring the Flag
11. down and fold it away carefully with the stars facing out,
12. I sorta get encouragement in the faith that tomorrow, and all
13. the tomorrows to come, this same old Flag will be raised, not
14. only over our Pine Cone Ranger Station, but all over the
15. land.....Yes, I'm grateful it's my job to raise the flag.
16. BESS: Jim, you know you're supposed to give a message on the Flag
17. at the Independence Day Rally in town today. Why don't you
18. just say what you said here this morning? It would be real
19. effective message, I think.
20. MARY: That's a splendid idea, Mrs. Robbins.
21. JIM: I dunno, Bess. I think I've already found something that'll
22. make a pretty good message on the significance of the Flag.
23. JERRY: What've you got in mind, Jim?
24. JIM: That's Jim all right... Say, here he comes, in a big hurry too?
25. That the dickens.....

Yes, I've watched him through the window Mary, morning after morning, raising the flag. We've had more ceremony than usual today. Now, you take most mornings,.... I get it... Me, I'm usually getting in those last six weeks of sleep. Well, no more, Jim. From now on, I'll be out here with you every morning. Hush, Jerry. Most mornings after I've tied the flag rope down, I feel all tight inside, and... well, at night, when we bring the flag down and fold it away carefully with the stars facing out, I never get encouragement in the faith that tomorrow, and all the tomorrows to come, this same old flag will be raised, not only over our Pine Cone Ranger Station, but all over the land.... Yes, I'm grateful it's my job to raise the flag. Jim, you know you're supposed to give a message on the flag at the Independence Day Rally in town today. Why don't you just say what you said here this morning? It would be real effective message, I think. That's a splendid idea, Mrs. Robbins. I dunno, Beas. I think I've already found something that'll make a pretty good message on the significance of the flag. That's you got in mind, Jim?

1. BEAS:
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3. JIM:
4. ANN LINDEN
5. JERRY:
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8. MARY:
9. JIM:
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15. ANN LINDEN
16. BEAS:
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20. MARY:
21. JIM:
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23. JERRY:
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25.

1. JIM: Well, one of the fire guards let me take a little booklet out
2. out by the United States Marine Corps, called How To Respect
3. and Display Our Flag. So I'm goin' to borrow my little piece
4. from Uncle Sam's Marines. I reckon they won't mind.

5. JERRY: How you going to give it, Jim? You got some special scheme
6. cooked up for the program?

7. JIM: No, Jerry. I haven't exactly figured how I'll do it, yet.
8. I'd like it to be sort of dramatic, though.

9. JERRY: Oh well, something'll turn up 'fore this afternoon... (PHONE
10. RINGS OFF) Say, that's our phone ringing, isn't it, Jim.

11. JIM: Yeah, I'll get it... (GOING OFF) Be right back.

12. MARY: Just think, Mr. Robbins has raised the Stars and Stripes over
13. his Ranger Station all these years, day in and day out.....

14. JERRY: Except on rainy mornings, Mary. Don't forget that.

15. BESS: There's one thing Jim neglected to mention when he was talking
16. about his feelings..... Lately he's been including a little
17. prayer as part of his flag raising duty. I heard him the
18. other morning while I was standing out here with him. I'm not
19. sure he knows I heard him. But anyway, it's my prayer now,
20. too.

21. MARY: What is this prayer, Mrs. Robbins?

22. BESS: (SOLEMNLY) Dear God, give us Victory and a better world.....
23. That's all.

24. JERRY: That's Jim all right... Say, here he comes, in a big hurry too!
25. What the dickens.....

Well, one of the first words I ever took a little book out
out by the United States Marine Corps, called How To Read
and Display Our Flag. So I'm going to borrow my little book
from Uncle Sam's Marines. I reckon they won't mind.
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1. JIM: (COMING ON) You were right, Jerry, when you said something
2. might turn up..... It has, but not like what we were talking
3. about.....
4. BESS: Jim, what is it?
5. JIM: That was Windy Peak Lookout on the phone... That lightning
6. storm last night.....
7. JERRY: A fire? That's it, huh, Jim?
8. JIM: Yep. Up Dogleg Canyon... We got to get moving, Jerry.
9. BESS: But, Jim. What about the rally in town this afternoon?
10. JIM: I reckon it's goin' to be shy some able-bodied men, Bess.
11. JERRY: You've already phoned the town crew?
12. JIM: Yep. They'll meet us up the road a ways. Come on, we better
13. get going.
14. MARY: Oh dear, this would have to happen today, of all days.
15. BESS: I'll be right here at the Station, Jim. In case you need
16. anything.
17. JIM: No, Bess. I want you and Mary to go to that rally. There's
18. just a chance we can lick that fire in short order and maybe
19. I can get the boys back to town before the shindig's over.
20. BESS: Oh, Jim, if you only can... What do you want me to tell Andy
21. Goodman? He's in charge of the program, isn't he?
22. JIM: Yeah. Tell Andy I'm sorry to be running out on him, but it
23. can't be helped. Tell him I'm really sorry..... I wanted to
24. give that message on Old Glory more'n anything today...(FADE)
25. Let's go, Jerry.

PAUSE

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1. FADE IN AND SUSTAIN IN B.G. CROWD NOISE, BAND MUSIC WITH MILITARY AIR

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3. was built around the Flag and to me at least, there's a big

4. gap where Jim was supposed to give his message.

5. MARY: Yes, it leaves it sort of incomplete..... I thought it was

6. very clever though, the way the program was developed around

7. the theme of the Spirit of '76... Those boys dressed up in

8. those old uniforms and all.

9. BESS: Mr. Goodman has been wonderful trying to stretch out the

10. program, hoping that Jim and the boys could get back.....

11. But he mustn't let it drag too much or it'll spoil things.

12. MARY: There's Mr. Goodman coming over to us now, Mrs. Robbins.

13. ANDY: (COMING ON) Well, I'm afraid we better not wait any longer,

14. Mrs. Robbins. It's getting kinda late and...well...I reckon

15. I better wind up things... By George, I was hopin' Jim could

16. get here 'fore we closed the rally.

17. BESS: You've been a dear, Mr. Goodman....but it is getting late.....

18. Jim did want so much to take part in your grand program today....

19. ANDY: Thanks. We've missed Jim...Well, excuse me.....

20. MUSIC OUT.....FANFARE.....CROWD NOISE SUBSIDES

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FACE IN A SUSAN IN B.C. GREAT NOISE, BATH MUSIC WITH MILITARY AIR

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ANDY: Thanks. We've missed Jim... Well, excuse me....

MUSIC OUT... FANFARE... CROWD NOISE SUBSIDES

1. **ANDY:** (ADDRESSING CROWD) Folks.....I reckon you all know that our
2. Forest Ranger, Jim Robbins, was supposed to be on this
3. Independence Day Program today...and you've probably been
4. missing the faces of some of the other men folks of Winding
5. Creek too... Well, it don't look like they're going to be
6. able to get here. You see, they've been doin' a little rallyin'
7. of their own, fightin' a fire up there in Dogleg Canyon.
8. Forest fires don't pay no attention to special holidays,
9. seems like, and the boys, Jim Robbins included, are
10. demonstratin' their patriotism today out there in the forest.
11. So I reckon we can forgive 'em for not bein' here today.....
12. Well, I reckon that's about all, and now.....
13. **BESS:** Wait, Mr. Goodman. They're coming. Jim and the boys. See?
14. **ANDY:** By George. That's right.....Say, Jim's got the boys marchin'
15. alongside the fire truck.....pumps on their backs and their
16. axes and fire tools on their shoulders, just like in a parade
17.By George, they're just as full of pep and ginger as if
18. they hadn't been fightin' fire all day.....(TO CROWD) Let's
19. give 'em a hand, folks....(APPLAUSE) Say, you band fellers...
20. Strike up that Spirit of '76 tune you played when we started
21. this rally.....We're gonna have a real grand fin-ally to this
22. here rally after all.
23. **MUSIC** YANKEE DOODLE DANDY
24. **MARY:** Look, Mrs. Robbins. They've got the Forest Service Show-boat
25. truck behind the fire truck.

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Well, Mr. Goodman, they're coming. Jim and the boys. Best
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alongside the fire truck.... pumps on their backs and their
axes and fire tools on their shoulders, just like in a parade
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ANDY:

BESS:

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MUSIC

MARY:

1. BESS: Yes, and somebody's climbing up on it with a big Flag.
2. MARY: It's Jerry, Mrs. Robbins. It's Jerry.....Look, he's waving
3. the Flag back and forth.....(APPLAUSE).....Now he's holding
4. it straight up at attention.....
5. YANKEE DOODLE DANDY OUT - MUSIC - "AMERICA" - SUSTAIN AS BACKGROUND
6. ACCOMPANIMENT FOR FOLLOWING:
7. JIM: (BOOM MIKE) I Am Old Glory!
8. MARY: That's Mr. Robbins! He's talking with the loudspeaker on the
9. sound truck.
10. BESS: Jim's going to give his message on the flag.....Listen!
11. JIM: (BOOM MIKE) For more than eight score years I have been the
12. banner of hope and freedom for generation after generation
13. of Americans. Born amid the first flames of America's fight
14. for freedom, I am the symbol of a country that has grown from
15. a little group of thirteen colonies to a united nation of
16. forty-eight sovereign states. Planted firmly on the high
17. pinnacle of American faith my gently fluttering folds have
18. proved an inspiration to untold millions.
19. BESS: An inspiration to untold millions...Yes, Jim, that's right.
20. ANNOUNCER: We're indebted to the United States Marine Corps for Ranger
21. Jim's message, "I Am Old Glory." ...Hauls don't Forest Service
22. come to you each week during the National Fair and Home Hour
23. with the cooperation of the Forest Service, United States
24. Department of Agriculture.
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1. JIM: (BOOM MIKE) Men have followed me into battle with unwavering
2. courage. They have looked upon me as a symbol of national
3. unity. They have prayed that they and their fellow citizens
4. might continue to enjoy the life, liberty and pursuit of
5. happiness, which have been granted to every American as the
6. heritage of free men. So long as men love liberty more than
7. life itself; so long as they treasure the priceless privileges
8. bought with the blood of our forefathers; so long as the
9. principles of truth, justice and charity for all remain deeply
10. rooted in human hearts, I shall continue to be the enduring
11. banner of the United States of America.....I AM OLD GLORY!
12. MUSIC "AMERICA" FADES OUT AS HEAVY APPLAUSE COMES ON
13. MARY: (THROUGH APPLAUSE) That was a wonderful message....And it
14. fitted right in with the Spirit of '76, didn't it, Mrs.
15. Robbins.
16. BESS: The Spirit of '76, Mary?, Look at those men standing at
17. attention there, with their fire tools and all... I'D SAY
18. IT WAS THE SPIRIT OF 1942!
19. MUSICAL FINALE
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